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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly enter the following amendment.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 14 with the following:

The inventors searched the 5'-upstream region of the OsPSK gene for known motifs of other genes and found several potential regulatory elements (Fig. 4). The consensus sequence of a putative TATA box (5'-TATAA-3') was found at positions -63 to -68, referring to the transcription initiation site. Upstream to this sequence, there are one CAAT-box at -267 to -270 and three CCAAT-boxes at -906 to -910, -949 to -953, and -1074 to -1078, respectively. Interestingly, the sequence AACCCA (at -908) conforms to the A(A/C/G)CCCA consensus sequence, the binding site of a soybean enhancer for the

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